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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of this application on the merits, please enter the following amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

**Please add the following new claims:**

(NEW) A method for inhibiting the binding of IgE to its high-affinity IgE receptor comprising administering a composition comprising a vector comprising a nucleic acid encoding an anti-IgE antibody or IgE binding fragment thereof.

(NEW) A method of inducing a host cell to express an anti-IgE antibody that inhibits binding of human IgE to the high affinity IgE receptor

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